Committees appointed by the Government in 1101.

223. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention the number of committees appointed by the Government in the year 1101 and to state the number of (a) caste Hindus, (b) non-caste Hindus, c) Christians (d) Muhammadans and (e) Jews in each committee and the reason, if any, for the preponderance of the members of certain communities on these committees?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Three important committees were appointed by the Government in the year 1101, viz., (1) the Special Finance Committee, the Excise Committee and the Economic Development Board.

(1) The Special Finance Committee.

Caste Hindus	8
Non-caste Hindus	nil
Christians	4
Muhammadans	nil
Jews	nil

(2) The Excise Committee.

Caste Hindus	5
Non-caste Hindus	1
Christians	1

(3) The Economic Development Board.

Caste Hindus	5
Jews	1
Christians	2
Muhammadans	1

In regard to the latter part of the question, the Member is referred to the answer to question No. 248 of the budget session of 1101.

Licenses for sweet toddy and fermented toddy.

224. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the number of (a) sweet toddy tappers; and (b) fermented toddy tappers to whom licenses for tapping were issued in 1101; how many of them are Tiyyas, and how many belong to different other communities?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) 2, 39.

(b) The number of fermented toddy tappers and the particulars of the community to which they belong are not available, since the licenses for tapping are issued in the names of shopkeepers only.

Of the jaggery tappers licensed in 1101, all excepting one, a Christian, were Tiyyas.

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